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**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A cigar opener comprising:  
a blade housing having a first channel therethrough, said first channel having a blade disposed therein;  
a cover having a first opening and a second opening therethrough, wherein said blade housing is rotatable relative to said cover, said blade housing and said cover having a first position wherein said first channel is aligned with said openings and a second position wherein said first channel is not aligned with said openings[.];  
said first channel being cylindrical and having a longitudinal axis coaxial with said first opening and said second opening in said first position; and  
said blade comprising an elongated blade, wherein said elongated blade is disposed parallel to said longitudinal axis.
2. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 1 wherein said first opening and said second opening are circular.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 1 wherein said first channel is perpendicular to an axis of rotation.
6. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 1 wherein said housing is generally cylindrical in shape.
7. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 1 wherein said cover is generally spherical in shape.
8. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 1 wherein said blade housing comprises a cylindrical first portion, an integrally formed first flange and a second flange coupled to the cylindrical portion.
9. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 8 wherein the second flange is removably coupled to the blade housing.
10. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 9 further comprising a

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11. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 8 wherein said cylindrical first portion is rotatably received within a second channel through said cover.

12. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 11 wherein said first flange has a first diameter greater than said second channel.

13. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 11 wherein said second flange has a first diameter greater than said second channel.

14. (Original) A cigar opener comprising:  
a blade housing having a first channel therethrough, said first channel having a blade disposed therein;

a cover having a first opening and a second opening therethrough, said cover having a second channel therethrough, said blade housing is rotatable relative to said cover within said second channel about an axis of rotation, said first channel perpendicular to said axis of rotation, said blade housing and said cover having a first position wherein said first channel is aligned with said openings and a second position wherein said first channel is not aligned with said openings.

15. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 14 wherein said first channel has a longitudinal axis, wherein said longitudinal axis is coaxial with said first opening and said second opening in said first position.

16. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 15 wherein said blade comprises an elongated blade, wherein said elongated blade is disposed parallel to said longitudinal axis.

17. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 14 wherein said blade housing comprises a cylindrical first portion, an integrally formed first flange and a second flange coupled to the cylindrical portion.

18. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 17 wherein the second flange is removably coupled to the blade housing.

19. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 18 further comprising a fastener removably coupling said second flange to said blade housing.

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20. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 17 wherein said cylindrical first portion is rotatably received within a second channel of said cover.

21. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 20 wherein said first flange has a first diameter greater than said second channel.

22. (Original) A cigar opener as recited in claim 20 wherein said second flange has a first diameter greater than said second channel.

23. (Original) A method of forming a cigar opener comprising:  
providing a blade housing having a first channel therethrough, said first channel having a blade disposed therein;

providing a cover having a first opening and a second opening therethrough;  
inserting the blade housing into the cover so that the blade housing is rotatable relative to said cover, said blade housing and said cover having a first position wherein said first channel is aligned with said openings and a second position wherein said first channel is not aligned with said openings;

coupling a flange to the blade housing to retain the blade housing within the cover.

24. (Original) A method as recited in claim 23 wherein inserting the blade housing comprises inserting the blade housing into a second channel in said cover.

25. (New) A cigar opener comprising:  
a blade housing having a first channel therethrough, said housing being generally cylindrical in shape, and said first channel having a blade disposed therein;

a cover having a first opening and a second opening therethrough, wherein said blade housing is rotatable relative to said cover, said blade housing and said cover having a first position wherein said first channel is aligned with said openings and a second position wherein said first channel is not aligned with said openings.

26. (New) A cigar opener as recited in claim 25 wherein said first opening and said second opening are circular.

27. (New) A cigar opener as recited in claim 25 wherein said first channel is cylindrical having a longitudinal axis, wherein said longitudinal axis is coaxial with said first opening and said second opening in said first position.

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28. (New) A cigar opener as recited in claim 27 wherein said blade comprises an elongated blade, wherein said elongated blade is disposed parallel to said longitudinal axis.

29. (New) A cigar opener as recited in claim 25 wherein said first channel is perpendicular to an axis of rotation.

30. (New) A cigar opener as recited in claim 25 wherein said cover is generally spherical in shape.